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SUBJECT: SOVIET AIRCRAFT USES CENTER CORRIDOR

REF: A. USBERLIN 1951 (LIMDIS) B. USBERLIN 1934

1. EMBASSY SHARES USBER'S CONCERN OVER SOVIET
BEHAVIOR IN CORRIDOR, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF POSSIBILITY
FLIGHT WAS A DELIBERATE SOVIET PROVOCATION. MATTER HAS
BEEN DISCUSSED BY CAA'S AND WILL BE SUBJECT OF TRI-
PARTITE MEETING JULY 27.

2. PARA 8, REF A INDICATES MIS-CONCEPTION OF PRO-
CEDURES FOR CLEARING SOVIET FLIGHTS IN FRG AIR SPACE.
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ALLIES RETAIN RIGHT TO OBJECT TO SUCH FLIGHTS. EACH
FLIGHT IS NOTIFIED BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO ALLIES WHO
REPLY BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE INFORMING FRG IF THERE ARE
OBJECTIONS. IN THIS CASE, UK EMBASSY SENT NOTE TO
FOREIGN OFFICE SINCE FLIGHT WAS THROUGH UK AIR DEFENSE
SECTOR. (IN PRACTICE THERE IS ORAL NOTIFICATION
FOLLOWED BY NOTES WHICH MIGHT BE POST FACTO.) IF THERE

HAD BEEN ANY ADVANCE INDICATION THAT AEROFLOT FLIGHT WAS IRREGULAR IT COULD HAVE BEEN STOPPED.

3. THIS PROCEDURE IS IN WORKING ORDER AND DOES NOT NEED REINSTATEMENT. IT WAS TESTED RECENTLY WHEN WE HELD UP CLEARANCE OF AN AEROFLOT AIRCRAFT CARRYING ELECTRONIC TESTING EQUIPMENT UNTIL WE RECEIVED ASSURANCES FROM USAF THAT THEY PERCEIVED NO INTELLIGENCE THREAT.

4. IN CASE OF NON-SOVIET, NON-MILITARY AIRCRAFT, FRG IS OBLIGED ONLY TO INFORM ALLIES. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT FRG COULD AND WOULD WITHHOLD CLEARANCES IF AIRCRAFT IN QUESTION BEHAVED IN UNACCEPTABLE WAYS. WE HAVE IMPRESSION THAT INTERFLUG OVERFLIGHTS NOW ARE VETTED QUITE CLOSELY AND NO LONGER ROUTINELY APPROVED.
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